February 25, 2020

Dear Celebration Friends,

Here are the 25th Creation Celebration forms and information. These pages need to be printed off to be of any use to you! Truly, they will not be effective sitting on your phone. So, if you have no printer and need help, please call Sharon/Erin (306 445-5916) or Garry Miller (306 252 2842) and we will be glad to mail a hard copy package to you. (Also refer to Message #1, October 25th, 2019).

We anticipate this happy occasion as we focus on creation scripture, while we fellowship together one last time. As the Celebration "goes to seed", we are confident that the same God who created us all can stir in people's minds creative ideas that will sprout and multiply. Our young people have been taught that God created people, creatures and plants with seeds inside themselves, designed to bring forth fruit after their own kind. We have every reason to hope that "seedlings" will germinate, as families prepare fertile spiritual ground. What shape the new initiatives will take, how they will develop, and in what time line is known only to the Lord of Creation. May hearts be open and may creativity flourish!

Invitation to Adults: For this anniversary year, we welcome and encourage EVERYONE to prepare and recite some scripture from any part of the Bible. (This was flagged in Message #1) You may use the memorization list, or not. You may present as few as FIVE consecutive verses, or a longer passage, a chapter, or a whole book! What you present may be newly learned, or newly recalled from an earlier time. Iron sharpens iron! This is a goodbye gift we can give to each other!

Please let Sharon or Erin know what you have prepared, so we can decide how to handle this. If we have lots of entries, some could be recited in small groups. If we have few entries, there will be time in the large group. Please consider taking part! Jim and Marian blessed all of us last year by the passage they recited together!

We know how difficult it is to get our heads (and those of our children!) in gear to memorize anything. Yet, anytime we do so, we are again convinced of its value. Have you noticed that, in general, people do not have much interest in even *listening* to our verses, much less learning any? On April 4th, there will be a receptive and encouraging group to hear them! Do not feel that it must be a long passage...five in a row is all it takes! But this can also be a catalyst to recall those longer portions that need sharpening up!

- If any of you have additional ideas to spark up the 25th Anniversary, please don't be shy to run them past us! (Remember the contest with Niel's eggs? We might find some more exotic eggs!)
- If any of you have a "testimony" of how God has used the Celebration in you or your family's life, or of which parts were particularly encouraging and helpful, please consider putting it on paper. We could display them around the room so they could be read by others, which may stimulate thoughts for the future.
- Reminder: Please bring along a science display or experiment if you have something to contribute!

Wishing you the best as you prepare,

Sharon and Erin Foreman